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Department of Environment and Energy Offers 1% Loans to Counties Affected by the July 2019 Flood:

Buffalo, Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, Adams, Kearney, Phelps, Gosper,
Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Dawson, Thayer

Counties in the Central Platte and Republican River watersheds were affected by heavy rains and flooding in early July 2019. The Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE), in conjunction with Nebraska lending institutions, will provide assistance to those affected by floods by offering Dollar and Energy Saving Loans at 1% interest*.

This ultra-low interest loan offering to make energy efficient home improvements will be offered to the following flood affected counties: Buffalo, Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, Adams, Kearney, Phelps, Gosper, Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Dawson and Thayer. Loans may be available in adjacent counties if sufficient documentation is provided demonstrating that damages incurred were due to the July storms.

**Subject to lender approval.*

Dollar and Energy Saving Loans Program

Project loan applications are submitted to the resident's local Nebraska lender and NDEE prior to installation for verification of compliance with program requirements. The project must comply with energy efficiency standards found on the loan application forms.

A sample of eligible energy efficiency home and farm improvements are:

- Windows/Doors
- Foundation walls repaired or replaced and insulated
- Heating, cooling, and water heater equipment replacement
- Lighting
- Roofing/Insulation
- Siding/Insulation
- Appliances

You will find more information on loan amounts, energy efficiency requirements and loan application forms at the NDEE Dollar and Energy Saving Loans Program webpage: <http://neo.ne.gov/programs/loans/loans.html>

The 1% loan offer will be effective until Sept. 27, 2019.

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NDEE staff are also available to offer technical assistance in the disposal of flood impacted material. Those with questions on flood related debris management can contact NDEE waste compliance staff members Jeff Edwards or Erik Weiss at (402) 471-2186 or toll-free at (877) 253-2603. The department also has related guidance documents on its website at <http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/Disaster>.